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FM AMEMBASSY RABAT
TO AMEMBASSY DAKAR PRIORITY
SECSTATE WASHDC 4722
INFO AMCONSUL CASABLANCA
AMCONSUL TANGIER
AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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DAKAR FOR OPIC OFFICER BRIAN TREADWELL

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EFIN MO
SUBJECT: VISIT BY OPIC OFFICER (MARCH 9-19)

REF: (A) STATE 052914, (B) RABAT 1284, (C) STATE 054102,
(D) STATE 054103

1. SINCE TREADWELL LOCKED IN TO VISITS TO DAKAR AND
TUNIS, EMBASSY AND CONGENS CASABLANCA AND TANGIER WILL DO
THEIR BEST TO ARRANGE REASONABLE SCHEDULE IN SPITE OF
DIFFICULTIES NOTED IN REF B.

2. MOROCCAN POSTS PROPOSE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR TREADWELL:

MARCH 9 - ARRIVE CASABLANCA, PICKED UP BY CONSULATE
STAFF MEMBER AND TAKEN TO HOTEL.

MARCH 9-13 - CASABLANCA

MARCH 14, 0700, DEPART CASABLANCA FOR RABAT BY RAIL;
0815, ARRIVE RABAT, PICKED UP BY DRIVER AND TAKEN TO
EMBASSY.

MARCH 14-15 - RABAT.

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MARCH 16 - 0900, DEPART RABAT FOR TANGIER BY RAIL;
1400, ARRIVE TANGIER.

MARCH 16-17 - TANGIER

MARCH 17, 1530, DEPART TANGIER FOR CASABLANCA BY RAIL;
2115 ARRIVE CASABLANCA.

3. TANGIER UNABLE TO ASSIST TREADWELL ON MARCH 15 DUE

TO VISIT OF U.S. NAVY VESSEL.

4. IN RESPONSE TO REF A QUESTIONS: (A) ABDELKADER BENSLIMANE HAS REPLACED MUSTAPHA FARIS AS HEAD OF BNDE. (B) TOM GREENE AND RFA FOLSOM WILL BE AT POST DURING TREADWELL'S VISIT TO CASABLANCA. (C) CASABLANCA HAS NO OTHER PRE-SCREENED JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS FOR TREADWELL TO MEET BUT IS FULLY PREPARED TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL MOROCCAN PARTNERS FOR U.S. FIRMS.

5. WITHIN PAST YEAR TANGIER INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE HAS LOST ITS FREE ZONE STATUS AND IS NOW SIMPLY AN INDUSTRIAL ZONE. SINCE TREADWELL APPEARED IN REF A TO BE INTERESTED IN FREE PORT CONCEPT AND COMPARISON OF BENEFITS OFFERED WITH OTHER FREE PORT AREAS, DOES HE STILL WISH TO VISIT TANGIER? THE ONLY FREE PORT AREA REMAINING IS A SMALL AREA OF THE TANGIER DOCKS UNSUITABLE FOR MANUFACTURING.

6. WE NEED TO KNOW IF TREADWELL SPEAKS FRENCH OR IF MEMBER OF LOCAL STAFF WILL BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON CALLS.

7. CASABLANCA WILL BOOK HOTEL FOR TREADWELL MARCH 9-13; RABAT FOR MARCH 13-14, AND TANGIER FOR MARCH 16. WE WILL WAIT FOR TREADWELL'S VIEWS BEFORE BOOKING HOTELS AFTER MARCH 16.
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8. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE ASAP IF ABOVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE ACCEPTABLE. IF TREADWELL CHOOSES NOT TO VISIT TANGIER, DOES HE PLAN TO DEPART FOR TUNIS EARLIER?ANDERSON

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